shall give each flight crew upon return to base from any flight or series of flight, a rest period that is at least twice the total number of hours of his flight time while he was away from the base.

(c) The Management has had a constructive dialogue with the Pilots.

Expansion of AIR Services from Guwahati

5350. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3224 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th April, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to link Jorhat, Tezpur, Silchar and Dibrugarh with Guwahati by Indian Airlines; and

(b) the reasons for not connecting Guwahati Airport with every airport of North-Eastern Region by Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Constraints of aircraft capacity with Indian Airlines does not permit introduction of any other new links in the North Eastern Region.

ATC Modernisation Programme

5351. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the ATC modernisation programme at major Indian Airports;

(b) whether the modernisation programme is progressing as per schedule or are there any delays; and

(c) in case there are delays, the reasons therefor and what effect the delays had on the budgeted cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Modernisation of equipment and upgradation of facilities at airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon the requirement and availability of resources. Modernisation of ATC systems at Delhi and Mumbai has already been completed in January, 1999 and November, 1999 respectively. There were delays in Modernisation of ATC system at Delhi & Mumbai Airports due to following reasons:—